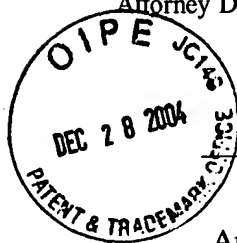


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action October 1, 2004, please amend without prejudice the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendment to the Title begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification: NONE.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: NONE.

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Amendments to the Title:_____

Please amend the title of the invention to read as follows:

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